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on Loyalty to Tito

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1. Political instruction officers in all Yugoslav military formations and units received orders on 12 December 1948 from Lt. General Slavko Rodic to take steps to verify the loyalty to the republic of all junior officers (up to captain's rank) and NCOs.
2. Verification required a personal statement on the part of the political officer and a "curriculum vitae" for every officer and NCO, as well as a joint report from the commanding officer of the formation or unit, its counter-intelligence officer, and company political instructor in the case of NCOs. The above data was to be submitted to the Department of Political Instruction for the Army by 21 December 1948.
3. According to reports which describe such checks as useless and the morale of the Army as very low, this is about the twentieth time since the Tito-Cominform conflict that investigation of the Army's loyalty to Tito has been carried out.
4. A new series of arrests among Army and Air Force personnel is expected.
5. The senior officers closest to Tito and enjoying the latter's full confidence include Lt. General Radomic Babic, Major-General Milan Zvezelj and Guards Colonel Pero Lalovic.

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